

# Child and Family Assessment

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An assessment of each child with a disability and a family-directed assessment must be completed by qualified personnel as part of the evaluation process to determine a child's eligibility.

## Child Assessment

A child assessment must be conducted by qualified personnel in order to identify the child's unique strengths and needs and the early intervention services most appropriate to meet those needs. A child assessment must include the following:

- A review of the results evaluation.
- Personal observations of the child.
- The identification of the child's needs in each of the developmental areas.

## Family Assessment

A family-directed assessment must be conducted by qualified personnel in order to identify the family's resources, priorities, and concerns and the supports and services necessary to enhance the family's capacity to meet the developmental needs of their child. The family-directed assessment must:

- Be voluntary on the part of each family member participating in the assessment.
- Be based on information obtained through an assessment tool and also through an interview with those family members who elect to participate in the assessment.

Part 1 of the IFSP is the assessment tool used by the Infant Toddler Program.

- Included the family's description of its resources, priorities, and concerns related to enhancing the child's development.

The parent/guardian must give written consent before the assessment is carried out.

## Service Coordinator Responsibilities

The Service Coordinator performs the following actions:

- Obtains the parent/guardian's written Consent for the family assessment and files the completed Prior Written Notice form and the Consent for Screening, Evaluation, or Assessment form in the child's permanent record.
- Assures the family assessment is conducted by qualified personnel such as a Social Worker, Nurse, or Psychologist or other appropriate personnel, as agreed upon by the family.
- Assures the family assessment is completed using an assessment tool and is based on information provided by the family through a personal interview.
- Assures the family assessment incorporates the family's description of its resources, priorities, and concerns related to enhancing the child's development.